



## MONTANA TRAILS GALLERY

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### **Mark Gibson**

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Mark Gibson is a native Montanan who was born in Helena and raised in Missoula. He received his first set of oils from his mother when he was only 12 years old.

Mark attended Montana State University on a scholarship and studied architecture. He also took classes on figure drawing and later studied watercolor with Hazel Foley for many years until he switched to oil painting in 1998. In the summer of 2003, Mark attended a Jim Wilcox workshop in Jackson Hole, WY, where he studied plein air painting with the talented landscape artist. Currently, Mark studies photographs and paints with local artists.

The most recent highlight of Mark's artistic career was spending time with Tucker Smith at his home. He received critiques and spent hours reviewing books as well as looking at the well-known artist's work.

Mark recently opened a gallery and studio with artist friend Brian Schweyen. The Gibson Schweyen Gallery and Studio is located in the historic Florence Building in downtown Missoula.

The western lifestyle Mark enjoys is reflected in his subject matter. He is an avid fly fisherman and spends many weeks a year packing mules and horses. Exploring Montana's back country is one of Mark's favorite pastimes. Mark currently lives in Lolo Montana with his wife Lisa, daughter Josie and son Cal.